MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SIXTH DAY.

Wednesday, 9th March 1960.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Extent of Area brought under Pepper Cultivation after the appointment of Pepper Development Officer.

*Q.—81. Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY (Coondapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the Pepper Development Officer was appointed for the State ;

(*b*) the extent of additional acreage brought under the pepper crop since the formation of the scheme and the appointment of the Development Officer (Districtwar information to be furnished) ;

(*c*) the total extent of lands assigned or leased to cultivators of pepper since the appointment of the Pepper Development Officer (Districtwar information to be furnished) ?

*A.—Sri N. RACHIAH (Minister for Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare).—

(*a*) The Pepper Development Officer was appointed for the State on 23rd April 1958.

(*b*) The total additional area brought under the pepper since the inception of the scheme is 1,433 acres as detailed below : —

South Kanara District	...	650 acres
Coorg District	...	495 ,,
Chickmagalur	...	35 ,,
Hassan	...	70 ,,
Shimoga	...	75 ,,
North Kanara	...	108 ,,
Total	...	1,433 ,,

(*c*) No land has been assigned or leased so far for pepper cultivation in the State. But a large number of applications for grant of land have been received which have been enquired into by the Development staff and forwarded to the concerned Revenue authorities to take further necessary action in the matter.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—With reference to answer (*b*), may I know in what land is this increased cultivation shown ?

†Sri N. RACHIAH.—We requested the Revenue Department to allot selected plots and in such selected plots we generally encourage the cultivation of pepper plants. It is also possible to

† Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

(SRI N. RACHIAH)

encourage it in the gardens according to the nature of the land and in every other land where this pepper plant can be cultivated.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.-Though the scheme came into force on 23rd April 1958, and I understand the rules have been framed for the assignment of these lands, how is it that not a cent of land has been assigned to anybody for pepper cultivation ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—It has been assigned and we have also made further recommendation to assign such lands.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—Obviously the Hon'ble Minister has not read the answer to (*c*), wherein it is said that no land has been assigned or leased so far for pepper cultivation in the State.

Sri N. RACHIAH.—We select plot. and we allow cultivation of peppers But with regard to grant of land, that power does not vest with this Ministry, but it vests with the Revenue Ministry.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—Am I to understand that cultivation is taking place either in Government land or in the private land ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—It is only when land is given to private persons that they will cultivate the land and we will provide all facilities. We are not having Government lands where we are having plantations except in the case of nurseries.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—Since there is a great demand for assignment of land for cultivation of pepper, will the Government look into the rules and frame such rules as to enable the Government to assign lands to people for this purpose ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—In fact, the Ministry of Agriculture has already recommended to the concerned Department to assign lands to the extent of at least 931 acres and it is being granted.

Desilting of Tanks in the Villages of Dharwar District.

*Q.—28. **Sri C. S. HULKOTI** (Mundargi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of drinking water supply tanks and the names of villages wherein there is no water supply in this year, in the taluks of Hubli, Navalgund, Gadag, Ron and Shirahatti, Mundargi and Nargund Pethas in the District of Dharwar ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that these tanks are the only source for the supply of drinking water to the said villages ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the storage capacity of the said tanks has become very much lessened due to their being silted up ;

(*d*) whether they have prepared any scheme for desilting the said tanks ?

*A.—**Sri T. SUBRAMANYA** (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) 45, *vide* Statement given below.

(*b*) and (*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Not yet.